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SUBJ: F/V KELLY LYNN: STATUS REPORT

EF: NASSAU 1302

1. F/V KELLY LYNN ARRIVED NASSAU UNDER POLICE BOAT ESCORT AT APPROXIMATELY 0330 LOCAL. KELLY LYNN LATER INSPECTED BY EMBASSY DCM AND NLO ACCOMPANIED BY MR. GEORGE AITKEN, ACTING HEAD OF MARINE POLICE.

2. INSPECTION REVEALED PAINT ON PORT BOW OF KELLY LYNN MARKED IN ABOUT FIVE (5) SPOTS. (AITKEN CONFIRMED THESE WERE CAUSED BY BAHAMIAN POLICE WEAPONS) NO OTHER DAMAGE VISIBLE. CRAWFISH CATCH REPORTED REMOVED AS EVIDENCE.

3. F/V KELLY LYNN CREW REMOVED TO LOCAL JAIL UPON BERTHING OF F/V AND WERE VISITED LATER BY EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER. THE CREW APPEAR WELL ALTHOUGH A BIT NERVOUS AS A RESULT OF THE EVENTS OF THE PREVIOUS DAY. THE CAPTAIN SPOKE FOR HIS CREW AND MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: THAT HE AQUEDO BARREGO IS THE CAPTAIN OF THE FISHING SMACK KELLY LYNN WHICH HAD BEEN OUT AT SEA FOR FIFTEEN DAYS. HIS BOAT IS BASED IN MARATHON, FLORIDA, WHERE HE DEPARTED ON AUGUST 30, AND MADE HIS WAY TO
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A GROUP OF ROCKS KNOWN AS THE LARKS NEST, (ARRIVING THERE ON

OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 9). HE REMAINED AT THE LARKS NEST FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS IN THE COMPANY OF A SECOND BOAT "THE CYNTHIA". ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14, CAPTAIN BARREGO RECEIVED A LORAN FIX ON A HEADING OF 35 DEGREES NNE. AT APPROXIMATELY 11.00 A.M. THE CAPTAIN SPOTTED THE ROCK, TURNED SOUTH AND SET THE BOAT ON AUTOMATIC PILOT. HIS DESTINATION WAS A STRING OF TRAPS WHICH WERE LAID SOME DISTANCE TO THE SOUTH. APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR LATER THE CAPTAIN SPOTTED A BAHAMIAN PATROL BOAT WHICH FIRST TRACKED KELLY LYNN AND THEN PROCEEDED TO PURSUE IT. THIS FIRST LAUNCH (NO.1) WAS THEN JOINED BY A SECOND (NO.4) WHICH JOINED THE CHASE. APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES INTO THE CHASE AFTER THE CAPTAIN (BARRETO) IGNORED AN ORDER TO HEAVE TO, THE PATROL BOATS OPENED FIRE ON THE KELLY LYNN, DAMAGING HER IN SEVERAL PLACES. THIS FIRING CONTINUED FOR SOME FIFTEEN MINUTES, DURING WHICH THE BOAT REMAINED ON AUTOMATIC PILOT. THE SHOOTING WAS TERMINATED AT THE REQUEST OF A U.S. COAST GUARD HELICOPTER CREW, WHICH HAD ARRIVED ON THE SCENE SHORTLY AFTER THE PATROL BOATS OPENED THE CHASE. THE CREW OF THIS COPTER APPARENTLY WERE WITNESSES TO THE ENTIRE EPISODE. WHEN BOARDED AND SEARCHED, THE KELLY LYNN WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN 68 CRAWFISH TAILS, THREE GROUPERS AND TWO MUTTON SNAPPERS. THE CAPTAIN STATES THAT THESE WERE CAUGHT IN THE "TONGUE OF THE OCEAN". THIRTY (30) LOBSTER TRAPS ALSO ABOARD. END CAPTAIN'S STATEMENT.

4. CAPTAIN AND CREW (DEFINITIONS OF STATUS IN PARENS) ARE:

- A. AQUEDO BARREGO, CAPTAIN (U.S. RESIDENT CARD)
- B. PEDRO VALDEZ, CREW (U.S. CITIZEN)
- C. RAUL SUAREZ, CREW (CUBAN PAROLEE INTO U.S.)
- D. JULIO RODRIGUEZ, CREW (P.O.B. CUBA NO EVIDENCE OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP OR IDENTIFY.)

5. JOHN HARKINS, REPRESENTATIVE OF PINELLAS SEAFOOD, MARATHON, FLORIDA, ARRIVED NASSAU 9/14 TO ASSIST CAPTAIN AND CREW AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS PAY FINES OR ARRANGE BAIL.

6. NLO'S CHECK WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS INDICATES IN ALL LIKELIHOOD TRIAL WILL NOT BE HELD BEFORE MONDAY 9/17. ALSO LIKELY THERE WILL BE NO BAIL AND CREW WILL REMAIN IN JAIL
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